

RESOLUTION NO. 20050324-018

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

WHEREAS, Clinton Warren Hunter joined the Austin Police Department as a member of the 99th Cadet Class on February 22, 2000 and was commissioned on September 8, 2000; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the Austin Police Department, Officer Hunter had proudly served his country in the U.S. Army and during that time served as platoon leader, driver, gunner and as a cavalry scout while in Bosnia; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the military was named Soldier of the Month on three different occasions, Squadron Soldier of the Month, Quarterly Soldier and Regiment Soldier, and honorably separated from the Army in 1999; and

WHEREAS, upon becoming an officer with the Austin Police Department, Officer Hunter was assigned to the Southeast Area Command, F400 platoon; and

WHEREAS, during his assignment there he received several written commendations, was awarded the Crowd Management Team pin, and earned a Campaign ribbon for the Mardi Gras 2001 event; and

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2001 Officer Hunter was assisting fellow officers in attempting to stop a suspected Driving While Intoxicated subject who was fleeing from officers; and

WHEREAS, Officer Hunter was in the process of deploying a tire deflation device along the east frontage road of South IH35 at Onion Creek Parkway because the suspect was driving northbound in that area, headed back into Austin area traffic and was clearly a danger to everyone on the road; and

WHEREAS, the suspect vehicle crested a blind rise in the roadway at a high rate of speed and struck Officer Hunter's police vehicle and then the officer himself; and

WHEREAS, despite the sustained and heroic actions of fellow officers and emergency services personnel, Officer Hunter died as a result of the injuries sustained in the collision; and

WHEREAS, Officer Hunter's lifelong ambition had been to become a police officer, and once becoming an Austin Police Officer he was exemplary to others, vivacious and witty, a natural leader on his shift, and had a permanent smile on his face that typified his love for the job and for life; and

WHEREAS, his supervisors and fellow shift members remember Officer Hunter as having a quick wit, an ability to laugh at himself, and his natural ability to perform to the utmost, so much so that Officer Hunter was nicknamed "Senior Patrol Rookie in Charge" by his shift; and

WHEREAS, those who knew him well agree that Officer Hunter was doing exactly what he wanted to be doing on the last day of his life; and

WHEREAS, in May 2002 Officer Clinton Warren Hunter's name was inscribed on the wall at the National Peace Officers' Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2002, Officer Hunter was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart with Valor which was accepted by his widow, Colleen Hunter; and

WHEREAS, a park area developed by Officer Hunter's fellow officers and friends, located at the Police Department's South Substation on Ralph Ablanado Drive was dedicated to the memory of Officer Hunter and his family on November 29, 2003; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That in accordance with Section 14-1-35 of the City Code, the Council hereby authorizes the police sub-station facility located at 404 Ralph Ablanado Drive be from this date forward known and recognized as the Clinton Warren Hunter Austin Police South Substation.

ADOPTED: March 24, 2005 **ATTEST:** Shirley A. Brown
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk